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A COLLEGE FOR WOMEN AND MEN

LECTURE SERIES HERE WILL HONOR PRESIDENT

Avila's president, Sister Olive Louise Dallavis, has announced Harry S Truman's gracious approval for this college to establish a permanent lecture series in his name.

In his recent letter to Sister Olive Louise, former President Truman said: "I am pleased and honored to grant you my permission to do so."

The pleasure and the honor are of course, greatly Avila's and plans for the Harry S Truman Distinguished Lecturer Series are moving at an accelerated pace with great enthusiasm from many sectors of the community.

Chairman of the Avila lecture series committee, Joseph McGee, has conferred with committee members John J. Fallon, Ellis Shook, John O'Hearn, David Noyes, Rose Conway (the Trumans' private secretary), Sister Olive Louise, Ron Bennett, and Richard Scott about the initiation and continuation of the annual lecture series to be delivered in the name of a great Missourian.

Civic leaders gathered Monday June 14 at the Hotel Muehlebach at a luncheon hosted by Henry J. Talge, to exchange ideas about the founding of the series. Those present include Sal Margolin, Homer Wadsworth, Ernie Mehl, Sam Hipsh, Hy Vile, and James Doarn.

After thanking them for their help in making an auspicious beginning for Avila's new annual event, Sister Olive Louise spoke briefly of the Truman style and of his impatience with oratory & "trimmings."

In keeping with Truman's respect for words, Avila will strive to bring to this series lecturers who are clear-thinking and straight-talking.

"In these confused times," she noted, "we need men to speak out clearly for what they believe and for the principles that make this country great."

It is therefore, a great honor for Avila to announce to the friends and alumnae of this institution, the establishing of the Harry S Truman Distinguished Lecturer Series.

The initial lecture will be delivered on October 12, 1971.

AVILA MEDAL OF HONOR

Avila's 55th annual commencement week activities marked the successful completion of college for 86 graduates. Students and teachers joined staff, families and friends for celebrations including the Honors Convocation, with the award of the Avila Medal of Honor to SISTER MARIE GEORGETTE ESCHBACHER, the Graduation Dance, and finally, the conferring of the degrees.

UNWINDING THE NIGHT BEFORE

THE VERY THING ITSELF

HONORS CONVOCATION

NEW ADMISSIONS TEAM: DERRYL D. ROME, director, and RICHARD A. PALERMO, counselor, actively lay out the battle plans for fall recruitment. Derryl's experience includes 3 years in the field as Admissions Director for Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Rich, a native Kansas Citian, comes to Avila with a degree from St. Benedict's College in Atchison, Kansas, and experience in marketing for Mobil Oil Corporation.

BULLETIN:

Sister Olive Louise Dallavis, President of Avila College, has just received word from the Department of Health Education and Welfare that a long anticipated grant of $479,387.00 has been approved for the Department of Nursing training program at Avila.

One catch: The funding of this nearly half-million dollar grant is contingent on the college's ability to "notify the government of the availability of matching funds." Avila will begin a fund drive to raise these crucial matching funds at a very early date. We are very hopeful that we will have the support of the friends of Avila in reaching the matching fund goal.

RECOGNIZING EAST ASIA

Sister Audrey Olson, assistant professor of History at Avila, is currently attending an institute on East Asia, at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

She was awarded a faculty fellowship for the institute in competition with college faculty across the country. Her award, one of 29 given, provides tuition, travel, board and room.

Dr. Scott D. Johnson, director of the East Asia Institute, noted that the purpose of the institute is "to emphasize world civilizations, other than European, in American liberal arts colleges curriculums."

The institute is an effort to help correct the neglect of a large percent of the world's population by those American educators who design college courses.

SUMMER SCHOOL 1971

The largest number of summer school students ever to come to the new Avila campus are now involved in challenging learning situations at the college. Courses from Biology to Music, and from Theology to Montessori offer a broad range of educational opportunities in this 55th summer session.

HEW GRANTS 1971 STUDENT LOANS

A mid-May announcement from HEW revealed that Federal funds for needy students have been granted to area colleges for the coming year. Avila's share is $54,161 for 93 student scholarships, and $18,087 for 99 student work-study fellowships.

74 percent of Avila's students currently receive financial assistance from this and other programs.

ALUMNAE NEWS

The Alumnae Association of Avila College has, at the suggestion of the college President, determined to set up an endowment fund for the Avila Faculty. Interest from the fund will be used for faculty salaries and needs. All monies raised by the alumnae association will go to the faculty endowment fund, unless it is specifically raised for other purposes.

BRIDGE MARATHON ENDED

The 1970-71 alumnae Bridge Marathon came to its successful finish on May 20th at the final playoff — with cash prizes for the top players of the 52 marathon bridge buffs.

Both alumnae and non-alumnae are welcome and invited to participate in day or evening games during the 1971-72 bridge marathon which begins in September.

ALUMNI NOTE: News of births, weddings & deaths will be printed in July SCOPE.

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